

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00445-KBJ**

PROJECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/26/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text  |
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| 02/26/2018 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5349175) filed by The Protect Democracy Project, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G, # <u>8</u> Exhibit H, # <u>9</u> Exhibit I, # <u>10</u> Exhibit J, # <u>11</u> Exhibit K, # <u>12</u> Exhibit L, # <u>13</u> Exhibit M, # <u>14</u> Exhibit N, # <u>15</u> Exhibit O, # <u>16</u> Exhibit P, # <u>17</u> Exhibit Q, # <u>18</u> Exhibit R, # <u>19</u> Exhibit |

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|            |           | S, # <u>20</u> Exhibit T, # <u>21</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>22</u> Declaration Certificate Rule LCvR 7.1)(Murphy, Allison) (Attachment 21 replaced on 2/27/2018) (jd) (Entered: 02/26/2018)   |
| 02/26/2018 | <u>2</u>  | REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>to Defendant DOJ, et al.</i> re <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by The Protect Democracy Project, Inc.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by The Protect Democracy Project, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons to Defendant DHS, # <u>2</u> Summons to Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons to U.S. Attorney for D.C.)(Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 02/26/2018) |
| 02/26/2018 | <u>3</u>  | LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (jd) (Entered: 02/27/2018)  |
| 02/26/2018 |           | Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (jd) (Entered: 02/27/2018)  |
| 02/27/2018 | <u>4</u>  | SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(jd) (Entered: 02/27/2018)  |
| 03/09/2018 | <u>5</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 3/6/2018; DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/7/2018 (Murphy, Allison) Modified on 3/9/2018 to correct filer information to reflect attorney of record(zrdj). (Entered: 03/09/2018)  |
| 03/09/2018 | <u>6</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/7/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/6/2018. (Murphy, Allison) Modified on 3/9/2018 to correct filer information to reflect attorney of record(zrdj). (Entered: 03/09/2018)  |
| 03/09/2018 | <u>7</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/7/18. (Murphy, Allison) Modified on 3/9/2018 to correct filer information to reflect attorney of record(zrdj). (Entered: 03/09/2018)   |
| 04/06/2018 | <u>8</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Vinita B. Andrapalliyal on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 04/06/2018)   |
| 04/06/2018 | <u>9</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 04/06/2018)   |
| 04/09/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure, on or before 4/23/2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 04/09/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 04/09/2018)  |
| 04/23/2018 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 04/23/2018)  |
| 04/26/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 6/7/2018, which shall contain a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 04/26/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 04/26/2018)          |
| 06/07/2018 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 06/07/2018)  |
| 06/11/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representation in the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 7/30/2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 06/11/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 06/11/2018)  |
| 07/30/2018 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 07/30/2018)  |

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| 07/31/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 9/10/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 7/31/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 07/31/2018)   |
| 07/31/2018 | <u>13</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Justin G. Florence on behalf of PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 07/31/2018)   |
| 07/31/2018 | <u>14</u> | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. Attorney Allison F. Murphy terminated. (Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 07/31/2018)   |
| 09/10/2018 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 09/10/2018)   |
| 09/12/2018 | <u>16</u> | GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 9/12/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 09/12/2018) |
| 10/22/2018 | <u>17</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 10/22/2018)   |
| 10/23/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 12/6/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 10/23/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 10/23/2018)  |
| 12/06/2018 | <u>18</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 12/06/2018)   |
| 12/07/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 2/1/2019, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 12/7/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 12/07/2018)  |
| 12/07/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 2/1/2019. (gdf) (Entered: 12/10/2018)  |
| 02/01/2019 | <u>19</u> | ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) Modified on 2/4/2019 (zjf). (Entered: 02/01/2019)  |
| 02/04/2019 |           | NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>19</u> Status Report was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading with corrected pleading. (jf) (Entered: 02/04/2019)  |
| 02/08/2019 | <u>20</u> | VACATED PURSUANT TO COURT'S ORDER DATED 2/8/2019.....PROVISIONAL ORDER DISMISSING case due to settlement. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 2/8/2019. (lckbj1) Modified on 2/10/2019 (zcdw). (Entered: 02/08/2019)  |
| 02/08/2019 | <u>21</u> | NOTICE of Filing of Corrected Joint Status Report by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re Notice of Corrected Docket Entry, <u>19</u> Status Report (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 02/08/2019)   |
| 02/08/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER VACATING <u>20</u> Provisional Order Dismissing Case due to settlement. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 2/8/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 02/08/2019)   |
| 02/21/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 4/2/2019, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if  |

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|            |           | litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 2/21/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 02/21/2019)  |
| 04/02/2019 | <u>22</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 04/02/2019)   |
| 04/05/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 6/04/2019, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 4/5/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 04/05/2019)    |
| 04/09/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/4/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/09/2019)  |
| 06/04/2019 | <u>23</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 06/04/2019)   |
| 06/11/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 8/6/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 6/11/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 06/11/2019)  |
| 08/07/2019 | <u>24</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 08/07/2019)   |
| 08/07/2019 | <u>25</u> | Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Staus Report (nunc pro tunc)</i> by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 08/07/2019)   |
| 08/09/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting <u>25</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Status Report, nunc pro tunc. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report is accepted as timely. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/9/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 08/09/2019)   |
| 08/13/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 10/1/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/13/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 08/13/2019) |
| 10/01/2019 | <u>26</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 10/01/2019)   |
| 10/02/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 12/3/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 10/2/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 10/02/2019) |
| 10/02/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Further Joint Status Report from the parties due by 12/3/2019. (zjch) (Entered: 10/02/2019)   |
| 10/04/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/3/2019 (hs) (Entered: 10/04/2019)   |